Erie Pa. Feby 7th 1877

Wm Brewster

Dear Sir! Yours of Jany 28th I find today on my return from New York. I am pleased to hear from you & trust I will be able to open a mutual exchange. The birds I am short or rather have no duplicates just now. I recently sent away "Podiceps holbolli" & Podilymbus podiceps I have not had in breeding plumage. I expect a number of the former the coming season & will try also for the latter. P. cornutus I presume you can get in breeding plumage. If not I can get it also. I have for exchange 2 Forsters Tern. 3 Each Marbled & Hudsonian Godwits. 1 Field Plover. 1 Ea ♂ & ♀ White Pelican both having full crests on culmen. All from Red River Country Minn. I will have a fine lot in May from that section.

Sennett S. B.
Feby 7-1877

I inclose list of such as I expect & you can state how many which kinds you wish & what birds from North & East you can spare me - Also send me your list I had it but I think I left it west - I talk of going to Texas & if I go will be off before 20th - Therefore let me know before I go so that I may know how to instruct my friend in Minn. I have just received a fine skin of Long Crested Jay from Aiken Colorado Springs. I can get you Sharp tail Grouse between now & May in numbers - Yellow headed Blk birds by the hundreds - Brant & Geese & all the ducks of the west. I have 2 extra shoulder ducks now also Blue Wing Teal in fine plumage - If you get a chance to get at fair price a fine "Melo-thread Rhinn Bird" (Spinachus albus) please let me know as I wish a fine one for a present. Are they very rare? & what is the general price - As a rule I am down on foreign skins for they are generally so very poor, but I would like that and some other fine ones - I am in no hurry any time before Winter will do, please look out for it & oblige - Beautiful Weather here now & I trust some birds may yet be got - I have not had a chance to shoot a bird since November - Snow has been so deep - I saw at the Aquarium in New York, a beautiful pair of large Vampire Bats alive & they were beauties I tell you - Also at the Bay N.Y. Cemetery, the finest Coll. of live water fowl in the Country - among others, 6 varieties of Swans, Egyptian Goose, Brant, Snow Goose, Mandarin Duck - Wood Duck - &c don't fail to go & see them if you have the opportunity. Winter best time for they are huddled in small places near shore & are in sight at once -

Yours very truly Geo. B. Bennett

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Enid Ga. July 29th 1877

Wm Brewster

Dear Sir I presume you are back from Florida I trust with improved health and a good haul – I returned about June 1st but have been very busy in hauling my Collections that I have noticed to my Correspondence with you. We had talked about Exchanging if you thought we could make a large Exchange of skins upon our return from our trips. If you still think so please send me a list of duplicates such as I enclose to you – I would like in pairs when practicable at Eggs in sets – I think we could make it large also I have a lot of Mexican

Sherrett B. B.
July 29 - 78

I was going there instead of
Along the Rio Grande is
a rough country to collect in & at
times the heat is intense. In this
mode I was quite successful
but it was rather more expensive
than I thought it would be, taking
an assistant made it doubly so.
I presume I have be off some
place next to go to Spring but am
not decided yet. I have found
in California it is much due to come
down there & possibly I may get
collect in the Pacific Slope.
May I hear from you promptly
as I wish to exchange about
an may duplicates this season.

Yours very truly
E. B. Sherrett

Erie Pa. Aug 31st 1877

Wm Brewster

Dear Sir -

Your letter of 27th inst came today & also the box of Skins & eggs - I have just unpacked them & glanced at them hastily - I think nothing was broken or out of place & they all look very nicely - So far as an Equivalent goes for what I sent, I fear you have done more than your share at least I am very much pleased & will try to add something to your Collection as time goes on - I am glad to get an & shall Enjoy nesting & shooting the bird the looking them over - I have no Collections of any magnitude

near me nor any kindred spirits so that I depend upon correspondence for life & strength when not in the field. I am sorry I could not give you full sets of those you returned but trust I may some day. Now for the main point of all viz Glossy Dis Eggs. Far from being offended I should be only too glad to take a back seat when convinced I am in the wrong & not at all adverse to conviction. I will gladly give particulars but not as fully as I am now doing for an article for the "Mutual Bulletin", or some other place, which is nearly completed. I think when you come to examine your library you will find that your memory is at fault in regard to these

although I have not a single description of their Eggs before me nor have I ever seen their Eggs or descriptions before.

For two ~~Entire~~ days I was in the Salt Marshes studying this bird & observed hundreds & I firmly believe thousands of their Eggs. I shot many of the birds on the nests, took the clutch & marked it. I found many with young Eider, many with one young & three or two Eggs & in one instance a young just out of shell & took the other two Eggs home & preserved the young in alcohol.

Most of the Eggs taken (& I think we took about 300) were far advanced & the Embryo, nearly ready to hatch, had the top mandible & feathers decured bill barred blk & white to be mistaken.

young in all stages were sent & sent principally to Prof. Wilder of Cornell. No young I have sent to Mr. J. A. Allen but they will probably be larger ones nearly ready to leave nest. If there was a single Glossy Ibis breeding there, there were thousands. In company with them were ~~the white & Snowy. White~~, D. ludoviciana - G. candidissima - H. Egretta - N. gardenii - all of whose Eggs were also taken & identified - I saw ~~say~~ some half dozen Ibis alba & shot one but found no nests although I presume some were there - The nests of Glossy were more of a structure than herons & I presume I could have secured some in the rushes & brought home had I been inclined. Not a single D. bufa was seen near the Rio Grande country although we shot lots of them at Corpus.

Nor need you take my own observations alone - Dr Merrill was with me one whole day & we both left nothing undone to identify any of the Eggs found. Mr. J. S. Webster of Troy went with me as an assistant & although he did not see the birds on the nests yet he assisted in blowing any the Eggs & found many a decomed bill in the Eggs - The Mexican hunter who first brought me the Eggs told me they were of glossy Ibis which he has very familiar with & shoots them for Market. I did not take his word until he showed me the birds on the Eggs which he did to our entire satisfaction & in such numbers as I never expected to see - No other Herons or Ibises

were seen than those mentioned - What more powerful testimony could be brought before ones Eyes? But show the Eggs to those familiar with the bird & if there is any shade of suspicion still clinging to those Eggs in your mind, make no delay in writing fully & squarely as the reputations of four of us are at stake. Please let me hear from you in regard to them - Deep green is their color & their shape is entirely different from the herons - The only spotted Eggs found in the rushes were ~~the~~ Gallinula galeata close to the water while Ibises were from two to four feet from the water which was about three feet deep on an

average & the extent of rushes was perhaps a hundred acres. I have two eggs of Ardea rufescens taken from Padre Island, Corpus Christi bay, this last spring which resemble in shape & color those of A. herodias taken near same place dimensions a 2 1/16 x 1 1/2 b 1 31/32 x 1 7/16 a much paler than b. as is the case with herons as they do not hatch out simultaneously & eggs thus advanced will vary in color — Please note sizes & color of yours & also shape & write me for comparison — Out of the entire lot of Ibis eggs second perhaps not a half dozen would approach that true elliptic form of most herons, but would be considerably larger at one end —

Yours "Brevity is the soul of wit"

therefore it is proven that my wit is out -

Let me hear from you when you feel inclined

Yours very truly

Geo. B. Sennett

Sennett S. B.

Aug 15 1.

Erie Pa. Jany 18/78

My dear Sir -

Favors of 15th inst rec'd & contents noted - Enclosed find slips of such as I have noted of your duplicates and desiderata as I think in all probability you can depend upon besides the four mentioned as due you from my skins in Washington. I have received fours & given all the rest to the Smithsonian - One or two I may be short of but as I intend to repeat my trip I think you can safely count on them if all goes well - Now as you are on the eve of departure & I have my hands full, we had better each of us lay aside the skins & mask together with slips just as they now stand until we return next Summer - Then you will have more & I mine also - Drop me a postal if that is satisfactory - Yours very truly

Geo. B. Sennett

Barnett G. E.
Jan. 15-1838

Scovitt - Geo. B.
June 24 - 1878

Erie Pa. June 24/78

Mr. Wm Brown

Dear Sir -

Your letter of 10th reached me in due time and just as I was about writing to know if you had returned home. It will be some time before I can be able to attend to Exchanges as my time will be occupied in studying & sorting over as well as making notes of skins & Eggs secured on my trip. Nothwithstanding I was laid up three weeks with the thorn of the "Jacobea" Yet I have a finer Collection for Exchange than I obtained last year. Save me some of your best finds for I am quite sure I can get even with

you. Please send me your list of duplicate and also ~~your~~ lists of your collection of birds & eggs that I may know what to reserve for you. Also if not putting you to too much trouble will you purchase for me 20 or 25 blank lists of birds & give send you their value as soon as you inform me what it is. I can get nothing of the sort here.

I will unpack my eggs soon & I hope to be able to have lists of duplicates ready in about two weeks. I hope by that time to know exactly what I have new and will let you know. All the birds you mentioned in your letter I am in want of.

Yours Very Truly
Geo. B. Sennett

Erie Pa. July 16/75

Mr Brewster -

Inclosed find C
bills which will explain
themselves. I have no
time to write just now
at length but please
let me know your wants
as soon as possible.
You will see that I obtained
several that you told me
for me. I am sorry that
I cannot open Cassin's
finch that I told you
but it is the only one I have
I did not get any this
spring - Please let me
hear from you soon
yours in haste.
G. B. Sennett

Cape Pa. July 29/73

Mr Wm Brewster
My dear Sir
I have rec'd &
carefully studied your list
and letter of July 20th and
have selected & laid aside
such as you desire. I find
by your letter of Jan. 15th that
you found my new system
of prices, then in Washington Sec
for an old Exchange to be up
you [illegible] 116, 355, 371, 373. In place
of 371 (P. carnini) I have put in a note
to 373 as I cannot let my only
specimen of 371 go. I may not be
able to secure any more specimens
of that species this year. If you pro-
per something else in place of 373
you shall have it. In the list
Enclosed you will find prices opposite
for your inspection in order to

get at a fair Exchange. You will please make such changes as you think just & note them on the list. Those in ( ) are my own valuations they not being found in any of the dealers lists. The others I find quoted in one or all of your lists before me viz Maynards, Atkins, Collins, & Ford's. You will please mark prices as you think best & we can then agree upon the Exchange. The reasons for my doing this year what I have neverdone before to get at Equal valuations, is that I never expect to reach that God-forsaken country west of the Rio Grande again and I wish my duplicates to bring me all they can north. My two trips cost me about $1800 besides time and labor. Then nearly all from that section are more or not [illegible]

very often. If you know of any quotations differing from those given please be frank and give them. If there is any other way of getting at satisfactory exchanges than by taking prices in the market & by bona fide sales please suggest. Of your list of desiderata I have nearly fully complied & set aside. I did not include 493 & 497 for the skins I have are not very handsome & I doubted whether you would like them. The Crane is soiled with prairie dirt & not no handsome shape & the Mud Hen are also soiled by dirty mire in which they had been feeding. It is almost impossible to get either of these birds in good shape. 702 I have but one left but I promise you one in the new pattern for I shall get home from Minnesota. In other respects

I am sorry you are in good shape. The Eggs of this year are not at all as those were last year but better blows more please you. I put ~~upon~~ Parula Nigrilora in the list only to show what value I put upon it so that if you have others have anything near to exchange for it they can do so. If we make the Exchange, I will make you a present of the Warbler & when you chance to get something rare you can know who would appreciate it. As soon as I hear from you I can send as many or all that you wish.

Yours very truly

Geo. N. Sennett

Please let me hear from you as early as possible. Feb 27-98

Erie Pa. Aug 12/77

Mr McBrewster

My dear Sir -

I send this day by Express Skins & Eggs to complete our Exchange. I have taken your suggested prices as a basis and as some of my smallest skins are not quite as smooth dressed as I may I have thrown in a 410 ♀ (Ind. macrurus) & a 262 ♂ (amply.) (Grd. Canadensis). I will also say that if 479 does not suit you on account of slight injury on one wing, I will exchange it for a better the coming season - I make no allowance for your skins & eggs you mentioned in your letter & I trust everything is satisfactory.

Yours &c

A. H. Kennett

Aug 12 - 1877

As you have sent no dimensions or remarks with the skins I have not thought you desired such from me.

I have lots of trip nos. I can give you such at any time if desired.

I separate out & put the poor skins due on old Exchange as well as the Parula Nigilora.

The Eggs have date on slips with boxes - I am ashamed of the set of 485 but they had long & energyos & dig on the nest I obtained.

Embinagra rufigularis

The nest of 873 is placed with the thickest part down thus leaving the other side arching over the eggs. Nest & 300 is good average & right shape - If these Exchanges are satisfactory I think you can look up more at any rate I might -

Yours Very Truly. Geo B. Sennett

Erie Pa. Sept. 9/78

My dear Sir -

Your letter and box of birds dated Sept 4 reached me all right. I must say I am quite surprised and yet you are quite right in returning those that do not suit you. I have looked over all of the species returned & also all that I have of same & have selected the very best I have & send you all with the exception of Euber-nagra & which I cannot better - If these are not satisfactory you are at perfect liberty to return them - You neglected to enclose Callipepla squamata - Possibly I may improve them although

it is doubtful, as I intended to give you as good as I had. In my haste I overlooked the defective bill of Cactus Wren. When you send the Quail you may enclose the Dove (A. albifrons) and if I can better it I will do so. If ever you have the opportunity & collect P. Sinuata & A. albifrons you will look upon my skins sent you with more favor. Especially ~~which~~ the latter. Range as above one hundred in the shade.

You are also right about the Herons Eggs not being in sets. All except three of the Pelicans are in sets as found but these had to be taken on the run, you might say, for the mosquitoes were in such myriads on the islands that to even breathe was difficult.

I never saw those insects in anything like such quantities as ~~[illegible]~~ on those islands in "Laguna Madre" - I should have told you about them before - Look over lists & select Asters for them -

The name of the ranche is Tomita -

It is situated seven miles above Hidalgo or Edinburgh as it is on most maps -

The Spermophilus Mordettii I cannot replace but the Grus Canadensis I can better some day from the same locality -

If I cannot give you satisfactory skins you certainly do not wish to exchange & if you prefer me will exchange back until we

get even somehow - I enclose such data as I have of birds sent -
I have put in box a skin of L. atricristatus in place of L. eremomagna - If for the Herons Eggs I can give you 250. 259. 260. in sets or another set of 456 you are welcome.

Yours very truly
Geo. B. Sennett

Geo. B. Sennett

Eng Ra. Sept. 21/78

My dear Sir

Your favor of 13th reached me yesterday and the two boxes of skins & eggs today. I have looked over all of my skins of Callipepla & find only a few better than you sent & I have enclosed to you as good as I keep for myself. The Archimoptila I have bottled somewhat I think and is the best I can do. In same box I enclose a full set of Otalidus & also full set of 3 of H. Cunnistis. Enclosed find data of all the skins & eggs. With my trip I have left on the specimens. I have also taken the liberty to send you a little such as I have at present of both the skins & eggs and will ask

Sept. 21. 1878
Answ. Oct. 13.

you to bear me in mind
where you know of any to
add to my collection. I am
particularly desirous of the first
set to have a full set of
Parula warblers in order
to compare with my new nest
& Eggs of P. nigrilora before writing
a full description.

Will you please send your
lists as soon as convenient
& I will keep them in view
also for your benefit.

I am expecting shortly a few
more Eggs from Mr Pardee &
also from Cal.

For the set of 254 you can send
me sometime such as you
have not on my list of equal
value. I think you already have
a set of 4 of mine Exchange

this set of 3 for one of 4 in your list for distinct
there are very fine specimens. I offered
more sets of 3 eggs for sale for Prairie warbler
the first Journals. The set of 4 T.C. although most
Dat upon & not so large as Dover are Will buy
fine specimens. I am very glad to be
able to make our mutual exchanges so satisfactory.
Each collector will collections patronize
Connecticut will our Journals Clearly.
I shall have the pleasure of meeting Dover
this June Very truly Yours W. E. Bishop

Erie Pa. Nov 21st 1898

My dear Sir -

Your postal at hand. I can spare the four articles named viz 300 - 262 - 373 - 446 -

& your list of duplicate stamps following are 72 - 4 - 16 - 24 - 25 - 105 - 148 - 184 - 236 - 281 - 328 & 548 - But all except 105 & 281 I can get at home & presumably Prin. Collector - Do please look up some more duplicates for me to choose from -

Yours very truly

Geo. B. Sennett

J. B. Sewell

Nov. 21, 1878

OFFICE OF

GEO. B. SENNETT,

EAGLE IRON WORKS.

Meadville, Pa., [illegible] 187[illegible].

Mr. [illegible] Forrest

My dear Sir I have been away for a week on business & your letter of 20th was been forwarded to me. [illegible] We have to ask your indulgence in regard to the Exchange until [illegible] to my [illegible] For several years I have [illegible] with my family at our old home [illegible] However we have broken up housekeeping and my family will remove here at least for a year or two — [illegible] personal attention to my business. [illegible] abundance of time in my favorite study [illegible] to improve my Collection as much as possible.

Yours Very Truly

Geo. B. Sennett

Geo. B. Sennett
Nov. 27, 1878

Erie Pa. Dec. 5 /78

My dear Sir —

I returned last Evening and have looked over the list but. I would like

P. canadensis var capitatis 1.00
372 ad ♀ (tail not fully grown) 1.00
" " of album. 1.00
2 Nyf. trigrinum 1.00
364 ♂ ad. 1.00
1 ♂ ad. Myiodynastes solitarius 1.00
2284 Ptil. Wallacei .75
Myiarchus crinitus 1.00
1 ♂ ad. .75
281 Sitta pygmaea .75 8.25

300	12.50	—	For E. Brewsteri 262	1.50 —	Exchange 373 1.50
Sp. wing. 442	2.00	+	Dendroica kirtlandi 4.97	1.00	Total — 5.50

I notice on old Exchange list a number as desirable to you & not Exchanged for & I added 4 of these prices on the last 446 I put to you @ 2.00 note but if other I thought it would be very good ♂ — Hoping to hear from you —

If you prefer a Mine Hor. Amiscotite 260 to 449
I can send it -
If this is satisfactory I
will pack & send as soon as
I hear from you - I would
also like very much another Mine
Pis. Columbiana Gallinda spatiana
of 430 & 561 if you can obtain them
for anything I have -
I think in the course of the winter
we can make a little further
Exchanges -
Yes! I am aware
Mr. McBride is in your vicinity
as we try to keep track of each
other - I am desirous of getting
a visit from him, as I, by taking
I think also he pleased to have
a visit from you at any
time suited to your convenience
I have given Mr. Young East this
winter & would like to have you
come together - Truly yours
Geo. B. Sennett

G. B. Sennett
Dec. 9, 1878

Eri Pa. Dec. 14th 1878.

My dear Sir -

I fear you will not wish any more or anybody I nestled to send the two mounted #300 + 446 - I also have looked over my lists & enclose a slip of duplicates which I think you will select from in order that I may get all the species mentioned in my last letter - Please select & return you send the rest. I will tell you their condition. I can obtain eggs from Cal - 164 - Boxes 474 Boxes - 509 - 213a + others of that section if wanted - Enclosed slip with date of the two skins -

Yours Very Truly

Geo. B. Sennett

1 Box with birds will be needed Wednesday morning.

Geo. B. Sennett

Dec. 14, 1878

Erie Pa. Dec 30/78

My dear Mr Brewster -

Enclosed slip will answer your letter of 23d - If you can make up an exchange for all or some I would like it - You can send me list of forms as near you can do - I have not time to look up Clima fontis (?) I can give you a few skins from my Coll & promise you a few on the coming season or if I shall have a dozen or so - S. Wilsoni is common here in fall plumage & I always obtained it in the spring - All of the skins I send you will be [illegible]

in river snow storm has prevented
me setting out to my Coll. &
N.W. Rounds. Please make
note with all the Exchanges
you can make this winter
as I expect to remove to Meadville
in two weeks or thereabouts.
The Compliments of the season
to you. Yours truly

Ira Ames

Skin - Potato

Hary. belanderi

266 ♂ + ♀ @ 1.50 — — 3.00

Hbur. curvirostris 2.00

25 ♂

Lindrocyrtus antennalis 5.00

5-4 ♂

Holotrichus obscurus ♂ — 1.50

Eritrinus flavicornis 1.50

2 ♀

Granulus d'Optlus 2.00

623 ♂ or ♀ Ea.

Nilenchus forficatus 1.50

123 ♀

Cratyg. tryanus 1.50

472 ♀

Tyranus conchis 2.50

128 ♀

Lucanus cyphix hypochus 6.00

15 ♂ or ♀ very fine

Sternaforstia 1.50

691 ♀

Gramigrilla infra

483 ad ♂ not very fine but bid to approval @ 2.00

If your desiderata cannot furnish 45 ♂ fine elk. ed. have only ♀♀ stone dark brown - ded. albifrons ♀ - have rule ♂♂ & spare - Podicerus Jas. holbollii two & spare -

G. B. Bennett

Nov. 30, 1878

BY GIFT 1967

Meadville Pa. Mar. 20. 1879

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir.

Your postal of 16th at hand and it reminded me of yours of Jany 1st which I supposed had been answered long ago but which is not so checked off. Well during the confusion in moving and a brisk business it is not to be wondered at. My Collection is in the utmost confusion & mostly as it was packed to bring down here. The only way for me to tell you what I wish, is to refer you to what I have, a list of which I sent you last Jan and as but few have been added to it since then, you can tell me what you have that I do not possess. The pair of Parus Montanus you can send and I have no doubt can name many others new to my Coll. There is no hurry if you will keep a/c. & how we stand. You can leave it until after the Collecting season is over & bear me in mind with your new finds for a still further Ex. I expect to increase my stock of duplicates especially in Eggs this Spring.

Yours Very Truly

Ed. P. Bennitt

If you have not any list of my Coll. I can send it at once.

Geo. B. Emmett

Mch. 20, 18[illegible]

Meadville Pa. Oct. 15th 1879

Mr Brewster

My dear Sir,

I fear you think I am very negligent in not returning the E. J. V. Silk-coated set, I promised, sooner, but I have been very busy since my return and as I saw the box was now I became careless & tried it in a small box by this same mail. I think the set can have overlaps but I will give you further views this winter when I get time to make full comparisons. In a month or two I will be more at leisure & will overhaul & rearrange my Collection when I will send you lists & duplicates confidently expect to make written exchanges with you. I have turned to Silver & enclosing a rather inferior Photo. in order to obtain one of yours. Please send one as soon as convenient. I shall be pleased to reciprocate your kindness & entertainment whenever it shall come convenient to come to see me. I am pleased with your last article in the Bull. One paper of Sept. 76 is wanted & will come out soon which I shall send you a copy. Remember me to Purdie & Dean & others I meet with East. Let me hear from you as often as convenient. Yours very truly

G. E. D. Sennett

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[illegible]

OFFICE OF

Geo. B. Sennett,

Eagle Iron Works.

Meadville, Pa., Nov. 12th 1879

Mr. Wm. Brewster

My dear Sir! If not too much trouble I would like you to give me some information and measurements for cases for our new Natural History rooms. I did not take measurements when I was at your place. We are finishing up the rooms & I would like an answer by return of mail if possible so as to put in strips to fasten cases to before plastering & be at work on cases so as to put up at once — Give me your idea of convenient height, ~~width and depth~~ depth when I obtain the brackets & strips to hold them & send me by mail a small section of the tongued & grooved joints in doors. I have the address of the locks & bolts & will send for them when I hear from you. The section of door you can get of your carpenter & I only wish I had him but our work is too small a job to pay to get him. Any suggestions will also be very acceptable as I admire your taste & good sense in such things very much.

Yours Very Truly

Geo. B. Sennett

Geo. L. Smith
Nov 12, 1917

Mr. G. Sennett
Jan. 27/1880

OFFICE OF

Geo. B. Sennett,

Eagle Iron Works.

Meadville, Pa., Jan 27 1880

My dear Mr. Brewster

Your very kind & complimentary letter of 18th was duly rec'd & also your postal of 21st. Too much business is my excuse for delays in my correspondence. I am glad if my paper pleased you. It pleases me greatly to think that it did. Will you allow me to say that I have the greatest respect for your criticisms & think you have by all odds the finest minerals collection in the country. I consider it a privilege to be able to add to it and I am holding you in mind constantly with a view of exchange although so much delayed by moving & business that I cannot expect you to keep the best things of your dups. for me. But you will have more & will be able to assist me greatly. As for an extra copy of my paper for your friend. Certainly & if you will send me his address I will mail direct to him. Dr. Cones wrote that he had sent some 40 copies to Mr. Allen for the Mineral Club & possibly the Club's friends can be supplied through him. If not I shall be glad to supply

you but having only a limited number I must be more careful in their distribution than with my first. Now about the proposed visit from you I shall be delighted and in order that you may see us as well as the bird's eye advantage I would ask that you manage to get here in April. At present we are only partially moved from Erie occupying small & temporary quarters in a room my mother-in-law left. On April 1st however we move into our permanent residence where I will be happy in as good & roomy quarters as I left in Erie - My wife joins me in wishing to welcome you here. Now if it is not convenient for you to come in April, please don't give me the go-by for you will be welcome but it will not be as satisfactory to you. I am glad Tragar is so well spoken of by you & others who know him, certainly that was what gave me confidence in him as well as his frank honest manner in corresponding - He is now in Brownsville & for the first month will be on my old camping ground at Lomita, after which he will push further into the interior & the plan is for me to meet him down there somewhere next Spring if possible for me to leave. Good plan isn't it? I heard of your injury & intending writing long ago. I trust you will speedily recover. Write me as often as you can -

Yours very truly

Geo. B. Dennis

Geo. B. Sennett, Feb 19 1880

OFFICE OF

Geo. B. Sennett,

Eagle Iron Works.

Meadville, Pa., Feby 9th 1880

My dear Mr Preyster

Yours of 16th at hand & contents noted. Although is very busy, yet I will take time to answer a few things. I have mailed with my compliments a copy of my last note & Mr. Werner asked me to tell him that you desired me to send him a copy. I had no reason on my list for remembrance only waiting to hear from you before sending as I expected you would call & I was somewhat for you spoke of him to me when I was at your house - I too admire his work so much & I wish I could get him to be with me all the time but I cannot afford it at present. You notice my drawing it was not for that I am to be Dwer Forger. This spring I cannot leave home, unless it is in June or July for Canada. When the season approaches I can tell better but I hope I may be able to accompany you to a fish if we can bring it about. Stop in Meadville on your way here & and pay a visit Mr. Fee & Lawrence if you have not already done so. You will like them. I will surely be settled by the 5th of April or by the 15th or 20th at latest & then look for you a good long visit from you.

Mr. Greenwood. Would it be asking too much of you to do me some favors? I would like one of the Cam guns like your own. I have offended the makers by wanting a No 22 gauge or my wanting it they could not make that. To send me a 38 Cal, guaranteed to shoot a mean charge equally well to a smaller bore. I ordered one Nov 18. on those conditions but they have ignored me entirely. Now if you will order for me just as if for yourself & all the appurtenances necessary & have them pack & tie me other the amount of bill & I will forward at once. Don't hesitate Mr B, to get any thing that you think best for I should prefer your judgment to my own. Since I have had no experience whatever with them.

Also. I would like a No 12 bore good gun of about 7½ lbs weight. Would the makers of the Fox gun send me one for inspection & trial? I do not care for Extra finish but want for good practical service. I think one that would come to your shoulder well would suit me. I have a Fox gun of Mr. Hanhaus, the only one I have examined. Are they good? I have many solicitations from Parker & English makers but would like to see more of the Fox before ordering.

I have only lost one to the Pot hunds of Vegas & am now completely lost without one which is nearly the first time since I was 12 years of age. Could you take a day some time and select for me about three good? For I need to replace some. Excuse Casting obligations. Yours very truly W. C.

Meadville Pa Apr 24 / 80

My dear Mr. Brunton

Yours of 22nd just at hand.

I am much disappointed at not receiving the long looked for visit from you. Also astonished to know that you wrote me Easter late in May or about April 1st.

I have just looked over all correspondence for fear that in my very busy time I had been so uncivil as not to answer a letter needing a reply & find nothing requiring an answer. Mch 5th is the last one rec'd. And there was nothing in it requiring an answer, as it was left for you to come, now you could about the 2d.

I am sure it was unfortunate for me that you did not come but as for yourself I fancied you would not have felt badly for the trouble. I am still at work working & managing at odd times & hope to get many applications from you. I have over a month yet in which to plead for my collections. Hope you will materially help me. Please hand

me a list of all your duplicates and if I remember correctly you wrote to lay aside a number for me. Possibly I am already in your debt if so please don't delay in sending me account of how we stand in our Exchanges. I think I will have to get a list of dup printed. I hope to be able to have lists ready in two days.

I have a splendid lot of Texas Eggs & Pickles & if I had your duplicate & dup list I could tell what to keep for you.

Where in the world is Capt. Binding? I am expecting a visit from him also.

As for Mr Deane. I have write him today. His letter of March 2nd remains unanswered but the information has finally gone was in regards to the gun & team trouble I corresponded direct with Mr. Raymond. I did not know of his going with you on trip. Mr R. tells me he is going to Chicago into Business. I think he would take over me his map over.

Yours Very [illegible]

OFFICE OF **GEO. B. SENNETT.**

Gen. Agt. Nat. Dist. City of New York

~~Huntsville, Pa.~~ DEC. 22nd 1885

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir: Yours of 20th with Enclosure from Mr. Cavanaugh Ass't. Secy of State Topeka came duly to hand and I have written him that we are at work framing such laws as we think should be adopted by Every State & will forward a Copy. Mr. S. S. Foster is appointed a Sub. Com. to Collect all the Existing laws of Ea. State & if you can assist in having sent to him such laws from any state you are familiar with, it will assist greatly.

Also it is the intention to have Mr. Dutcher 51 Liberty St. Compile and frame such laws as are needed & present them to the Com. for approval. If you have any suggestions to make he would be glad to have them.

I think we shall be able to accomplish a good start & get a good foothold this winter.

I am making up a box of Sparrows to send to Sharpe and some woodpeckers to Hargitt. If you have any Pieces, melanpiga, Spigella procerulus etc. to spare or any dup. woodpeckers, I will exchange or purchase, or send in your name to exchange with them.

Yours very truly Geo. B. Sennett

Geo. B. Sennett

Dec. 22. 1875

OFFICE OF **GEO. B. SENNETT.**

To Am. Mus. Nat. Hist. City of New York

Meadville, Pa. July 8th 1886

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir: Yours of July 2 regarding the proposed General Act for Protection of Birds was duly rec'd & read before the Committee. We had not overlooked your previous recommendations relating to the subject and I am sure when we get it worded rightly it will meet your views. Perhaps I ought not to have inferred that we had finally decided on Dec. 4 & 5 in my letter of May 20, but I wished to draw out just such decided opinions as you have given before it was finally decided upon. We had fixed the first 3 Dec. as we think right & Dec. 4 & 5 will have the most of the most special meetings of Wednesday Evening & thereafter every Evening until we get the whole thing. We may strike out Dec. 5 altogether & modify Dec. 4 to meet the case.

Your recommendations shall have the same weight with our Com. as if you were present & I shall keep them before us all the time. All the members here are deeply interested & we are working at it with our very best efforts. Very Truly Yours, Geo. B. Sennett Chairman.

Geo. B. Sennett
Feb 8. 1846

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American Ornithologists' Union.
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The Protection of North American Birds.

New York, Feby. 12 1886

Mr. Wm. Brewster

My dear Sir: Your letter of Dec. 28th has been wholly answered although we have exchanged communications and interviews. Your idea of exchanging things seems to put regard only to age & rarity, with my views and I have no objection to exchange that proved to be desirable. We will hereafter exchange in this way.

In a few days I may write again for the specimens mentioned in your letter & then write what I need there. I have sent Mr Sharpe some Pennant's & have send some of the other general lists.

Would you exchange two or three duplicates mainly for Lesser Prairie Hen & Mr. Maximum?

I may not be able to sort out duplicates from my Coll. for at least a month when I expect to have my birds all catalogued. Our Committee have at last a good report form & prepared laws for protecting birds & we have been examining in our action upon. I think you will like it. I will copy it & send it to you in a day or two.

I understand the Christmas Club discussed the claim of Spencer Sparrow that I took in last Auk. Investigation of your information seems to have proved that it is a good specimen.

Yrs

Maynard & Co. write Feby. 5. "The birds received which you sent back, also the Passerculus princeps which has been passed through Mr. Ridgway's hands."

Mr. Clarkson Pierce writes Feby. 10th as follows "As soon as I examined the Spanish Sparrow I recognized it as one of my Japan skins. I also remember the tag put on it. The bird did not know which skinned it, so I preserved it with arsenic and marked it (Col. for my Collection of Skins) and it was sent to Southwick & Sons through mistake." I don't see how anything could come straight from this and it proves that the Spanish Sparrow has a perfect right to go to Mass. if it wants to.

Yours Very Truly

Geo. B. Sennett

Rec. Geo. Sennett Feb. 12. 1886

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New York, Feby. 26 1886.

Geo. B. Sennett
Feb. 26. 1886

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir: I have mailed you a copy of Supplement to Science & Mr. Bicknell will also mail you one. These are not as they will appear for the Extras for the Humane Association & for our use as Committee but the litterature is all included. Mr. Gordon the President of the Humane Association of America has asked me as a special favor to ask you to ~~get~~ give a copy of Science & to go in person as a member of our Committee to Mr. Geo. T. Angell & explain to him the work we are doing. This must not appear as coming from ~~him~~ Mr. Gordon but to impress upon him that as specialists we can give the facts for the Preservation of the birds & enlist his cooperation to help distribute our litterature. Mr. A. has peculiar ideas of his own & is so much absorbed in his own literature & way that he will not see the importance of cooperating with the President Mr Gordon unless his attention is particularly called to it & explained. You can praise his work & say that our Bulletin does not in any way conflict & that after he reads it over carefully he will see that it meets the question fairly & we would as a Committee like to have his hearty cooperation in distributing through his Society this Supplement. Please sorry to trouble you, but I am sure that you will

render valuable aid if you enlist his sympathies & appreciation of our work —
The facts are these — of all the number of State Societies organized under the head & management of the American Humane Association, there are four wealthy ones viz. Mass. Penna — New York & Illinois — These four Mr. G. the President wishes to enlist to take say 40.000 Copies, of the one hundred thousand & pay for them & thus enable him to distribute the remainder among those societies not able to give so largely —
All that you can do, of course is to enlist his sympathies by praising his own work & asking him to do all he can to further the interests of our Committee by distributing our Literature & Mr. Gordon will follow it up & accomplish the rest — Of course you know Mr. Geo. T. Angell Pres. of Mass. S.P.C.A & you will find him at the rooms of the Association.
If I have given you too much of a task you will pardon me, but I know you can do it better than anyone else & I think it will have a good effect — By next week we will have our Extras in good shape & if you will state how many Copies you can distribute & use to advantage, we will forward them to you — Our Com. has 2000 — 1500 of which we go to the press —
Yours Very Truly
Geo. B. Bennett
Any Early reply will oblige —

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New York, Feby. 27 1886

Mr. Wm. Brewster

My dear Sir:

Yours of 25th at hand. In regard to Mr Foster's request that you confer with Mr Shattuck & the Mass. Fish & Game Ass. I am at a loss to know just what to say as this matter has been & Mr Foster is originating it has not been brought before the Committee. As chairman of the Committee I give you authority to represent our Committee before any and all bodies or individuals for the furtherance of the objects of our Committee as seems best to your judgment. — I presume this is what you wish & you can now say that you are authorized by the Chairman of the Committee of which you are a member to do so & so & so as you do fit. If you should wish to present the letter I have written on the subject, but I hardly think it necessary. As to the 28 years clause in the act, I will say that it was first proposed as 20 years but the majority of the Committee thought it would be a big 18 was pretty popular & so fixed on 18 knowing & believing that the different State boards would make the age to be eighteen years & then bring suit for fining whatever of your people be found in possession of game of any kind

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The Protection of North American Birds.

New York, July 27th 1886

Mr. Wm. Brewster

My dear Sir!

I ask as a special favor that you present the interests of our Committee to any and all organizations bodies or individuals interested in our work and I give you, as a member of our Com., authority to represent us in any & every way that in your judgment may seem best –

Yours very truly

Geo. B. Sennett

Chairman of Com.

G. B. Bennett.
Feb. 27 - 1886

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The Protection of North American Birds.

New York, Mch. 5 1886

Mr. Wm Brewster

Dear Sir: Your Esteemed favor of 3d inst. just at hand –

I think you have done well with Mr. Cheyell & also with the proposed game law proposed by the Game & Fish Association. I have no doubt good will come from it. Please correct an error of mine in supposing Mr. Foster originated the writing to Mr. Shattuck. The fact is he presented a letter from Mr. S. & was ordered by our Com. to reply – but it entirely escaped me as it did Mr. Allen – If Mr. F. had told – for that he had authority from the Com. to write Mr. S. it would have made it clear to you & I would not have admitted my total forgetfulness of the authority given Mr. F. You will therefore not be prejudiced against Mr. F. on account of my blunder – This is the first oversight but we were crowded very hard with many letters &c &c it is but human to forget something – Our Bulletin will not be out before next week on account of delay in getting it Electrotyped – so that we can get out 1000 extra copies & for any purpose –

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For your immediate wants you can get a few copies of Science & Supplement at your News Stands. As soon as ours are out we will send a few to Mr Angell, a number to you & 100 to Purdue for distribution — I am glad you like it — I think Mr. Allen has done himself proud by the able way he has brought out the matter —

As our 1st Bulletin it is surely not too scientific but I think hereafter we must get out very simple questions & answers to meet the farmers & working classes — Mr. Gordon thinks with me. We will probably see Angell by Monday — Everything is working smoothly & harmoniously — Let me hear from you whenever you feel like communicating anything of interest.

Yours very truly

Geo. B. Bennett

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New York, Mch. 19 1886

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir:

Yours of 12th at hand in due time and I thank you very much for your wise directed efforts before the State Com. The delay in getting out our Bulletin is caused by the Science Pub. Co – who say it is the Electrotyper & printers but I am promised it now in a day or two – Yesterday however for fear of further delay I grabbed some Extra Supplements of Science for Jan & Nov Issues & today ~~some~~ have been sent to Mr. H. A. Purdie for distribution. Also some Copies of West Chester News. Pa. A Copy of which I mail you with this – You can see Mr P. & direct the distribution if you have not already done so.

Please let me know your candid opinion about the usefulness of Blanks & rules –

Yours Very truly

Geo B. Sennett

Chairman

Geo. B. Sennett,

Mch. 17. 1886.

Geo. B. Sennett
Oct. 29-1886

Am. Mus. Nat. Hist. New York
Oct. 29/86

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir: At our meeting last Evening the Committee read & discussed and adopted in Manuscript a paper Entitled "Bird Legislation" by Mr. Allen which we propose to have printed as Bull. No. 2 of Cons. when we can find ways & means to do so. We think it just the thing to send to the various states as it meets all objections of our Proposed Act and also those of the recent Law of New York State which comes nearer what is needed than any other law yet passed. We meet again Thursday Evening Nov. 11 at my residence 124 E. 25th St. to hear my report before going to Washington

and I would like it very much if you could make it convenient to be present.

It is especially desired that we either obtain some outside financial aid to pay up our indebtedness of 100 $ & to print more bulletins or put our hands into our pockets individually. As some of the members are not able to stand much of an assessment and as the public receive the benefit of our labors, the former plan seems most desirable and if worked in right way I have no doubt that a number of wealthy charitably inclined persons would be glad to give us financial aid.

The encouragement so far received and the demand for more literature on the subject, I know of no more satisfactory way of doing good with a little money than to aid our Com. in paying for the actual cost of printing and distributing bulletins for the protection of the Birds.

I will try my best to get some persons interested here & I wish you could get some aid from New England. Three or four hundred dollars would give the cause the best kind of a send off this winter.

Yours very truly

Geo. B. Sennett

Chairman

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Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.
New York Nov. 3/86

Mr. Brewster
My dear Sir:
Your Esteemed
favor of Oct. 30th at hand
with Enclosed Ck. for $25.00.
I assure you it is a surprise
and you will receive the thanks
of all the Committee.
I will see that it is used to
do the most good possible.
If I can possibly raise money
to pay off our indebtedness I will
apply this to getting out our
Bulletin No. 2, but if I cant
I will apply it towards our in-
debtedness, foot the balance
myself & pass in a clean sheet
for the years work. Yours very truly
Geo. B. Sennett

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Nov. 3. 1886

Geo. B. Sennett

Dec. 11. 1885

Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.
New York Dec. 11/86

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir:

I wrote to F. B. Webster 409 Washington St. to send me what he had of Pieris bicolor and P. atricristatus from Texas, that I might select what I chose to add to my Collection - I have a few very peculiar ones that I wish to compare with others besides my own large series and if you will be kind enough to pick and select P. bicolor from Texas any place South of Beaumont or Galveston even if you have to buy them for me - This is of course provided he has not already sent them - As he did not answer my letter -

You will also oblige by getting the Phainopepla you spoke of as coming from Texas —

If you have any P. bicolor & P. artoricistates from Texas in your Collection that vary from the typical ones, will you also be kind enough to loan them to me —

I would like them at once as I wish to have my notes in next Auk —

Sorry to trouble you as I know you are very busy but not hearing from Webster & being very anxious to have the skins, I have taken the liberty of addressing you — Send at same time the Blk-billed S. antillarum —

Yours truly Geo. B. Bennett

If Webster has any peculiarly marked P. atricristatus also get those of his lots and forward them respectfully —

OFFICE OF **GEO. B. SENNETT.**

Am. Mus. Nat. Hist. New York

~~Hadwill~~ Ill. Dec. 15 1886

Dear Brewster:

Yours of 13th at hand. I was mistaken about the bird but it is just as rare in Texas. I have only 3 M. townsendi in my Coll. But Mr. Allen has given me one from Arizona which I mail with this for you to exchange with Webster. If he has any P. atricristatus that has the frontlet other than white, buy & send all he has, otherwise I don't want any as I have 45 in my Collection. Please send me the two P. bicolor taken by Pierce by first mail & let notes follow. You can either keep this Arizona Tanager & give one of yours or give this one to W. I am greatly indebted for the favor.

Yours truly Geo. B. Sennett

Geo. B. Bennett

Dec. 15-1886

OFFICE OF **GEO. B. SENNETT.**

124 East 25th St. New York

~~Louisville Ky~~ Dec 18 1886

My dear Mr. Brewster

Your letter of yesterday & Box of birds came safely to the Mus. today. I am even more anxious still to get at the skins of P. atricapillus in store of F. B. Webster. I think better buy them all if he does not ask more than 50¢ per skin - I have certainly a new form of Blk. crested as well as a new var. of P. bicolor. Your 4 P. atro. from Brown are like 4 lately rec^d from Bee Co. only yours are more faintly marked on frontlet. When you send me Webster's skins I will return all of yours and some of Webster's that I think you will like to have. Please be particular about localities & dates of Webster's skins. Don't say anything to any one until I get the balance of Webster's & Davis' birds for

Yours very truly G. B. Sennett

Geo B. Bennett

Dec 18-1886

OFFICE OF **GEO. B. SENNETT.**

124 E. 25th St. New York
~~Hartford Ct.~~ Dec. 21 1886

Mr. Brewster
My dear Sir:
I enclose by this same mail – a bird which I would like you to pass judgement on & return as soon as possible that if it is what I think it is I can notice it in the Ark –
Just rec'd bill from Webster of the Lits & I presume they will come tomorrow –
Excuse haste as I want this to go to night –
Yours very truly
Geo. B. Sennett.

Express matter reaches me better at my residence than at Museum & mail just as soon.

Geo. B. Lemiell.
Dec. 21 1886

Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.
New York Dec. 23/86

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir! Your 21st at hand. The Ammodramus bent you came from Laredo Texas & mistaken by Armstrong Dec. 7th 1886 -
As this is a duplicate almost of the much abused Specimen taken by Pierce at Dallas Texas Dec. 10 '84 I send you the latter also that you may clearly see Examples taken in Texas over 500 miles apart and inland, that cannot be placed any better than A. princeps.
I note what you say about Sige and Dex but grant all Errors, there is no doubt of these birds from Texas and of not princeps what are they? I will say that Maynard just sent to the Mus. here among 4, four princeps & corresponding sigs to 1912

Before giving the note in Aug. of Jany. last I compared it with over 50 specimens in collection of Mr. Dwight Murray taken on Long Island and Mr. Allen, Mr. Dwight found several so near like the Dallas one that without the labels they could not be separated. But I am sure you will give these little devils their due and give me your opinion of them.

I send by Express also those specimens of P. mutallii from Texas and I have from there. I have in my coll one other from Arizona coll. by H. Bushman (very dark). The Mus. has 7 coll. by Scott that Mr. Allen will send you if you wish. One of the 7 is lighter than any I have seen.

The lot of Tits came from Webster and gives me write my own a larger series of these Black-crested forms than was ever seen together before. I have just sent in to Auk one New Sub-species of atricristatus and one of bicolor. I will as soon as possible write at length about all the forms of the sub-genus Lophophanes found in Southern Texas. Will it inconvenience you if I keep your specimens for two or three weeks? Will you also assist me in getting specimens from Mexico & from West of Kerrville Co. Texas. Mr. Allen thinks there is a P. atricristatus from Mexico in Boston Museum. If so please give me a description of same.

The black-billed Oreoscoptes antiborum

Correspondents to answer exactly.
I am very much obliged
for the efforts in my behalf &
sorry to trouble when
you are so very busy.
Command me at any & all
times. Please obtain for
our Committee Copy of the
Mass. Bird Law as it now
stands.
With the Compliments of the
Season to you and family
I am Very Truly Yours
Geo. B. Emerson

Geo. B. Emerson
Dec. 23-1886

OFFICE OF **GEO. B. SENNETT.**

124 E. 25th St. New York

~~Hamilton, O.~~ Dec. 29 1886

My dear Mr. Brewster

Yours of 26th & 27th duly to hand & also the Dallas specimen of H. principes. The Lands specimen you can visit your place and look during when you return the Poor Willy. I gave Mr. Allen yesterday the Myiadestes from Texas & also the Arizona spec. of P. mutallii to send along with the 7 specs. belonging to Museum — Keep the Myiadestes & return with the others — There is one particular thing about noticing Eastern birds as most number of them were drowned. Wish you would tell me what you think Lands Spec. is of H. principes. Note all you say about the Amazing matter & it goes no further than Mr Allen & myself.. Tell me you have

OFFICE OF **GEO. B. SENNETT.**

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done an immense amount of good in vindicating suspicious of carelessness & fraud & I think those Collectors hereafter will have an eye open to straightforwardness. I do not like Armstrong's way of Collecting & will have as little to do with him as possible. My Collector was with him on one trip & knows his tricks for the past year so that all I have from him. I know localities but not dates & names of dates aside from Minutes - I gave my man a good posting & I can get at his way of doing things in the field if necessary although he will not be with him very more - The copies of Mess. Law Cases from Pardee arrived.

Yours Very Truly GEO. B. SENNETT

G. B. Emmett

Dec 29 - 1870

124 East 25th St
New York
Jany. 6/87

Friend Brewster

The Laredo bird has turned up all right after my going down to look it up. It was directed to 28th St.

Now hurry about the birds I sent you & you can keep the Texas d. until you send them back at your own time.

I have a great lot of Whippoorwills & some time want you to compare with, but not just now —

Yours Very Truly
Geo. B. Sennett

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Mr. Wm Brewster.

My dear Sir:

Yours of 6th rec'd.

The Poor Will No. 21778 of 19 Apr. 85 was sent by Mr. Allen in write others & was collected by Scott at same place as the others.

In my letter yesterday written in a hurry I could not think of the name of the Texas bird & marked it "d" – I mean of course the Megadectes.

The Laredo bird is in perfect condition. Don't worry about that for a moment. We could stand it if it had not turned up.

Yours Very Truly

Geo B. Sennett

hopes to get the bird law passed this year in Texas

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In re Worthington

Geo. B. Sennett.

New York City, April 8th 1887

Mr. Wm Prowitt

My dear Sir

Last month Mr. Allen & I each rec^d letter & price list from Mr. Worthington - he finds you extremely low in your rates would like to give him an order; but the question arose whether he had a permit or not - under our law & Mr. Allen has granted all the permits in the State that we know of & his name had not appeared & as it would not do for our Committee to find protection to knowingly get birds from one defying our laws we thought he should be written to, thinking he would count it a favor. I answered his letter as politely as I could but he did not take it in the spirit intended & defies the law, and during a meeting of our Committee I stated the case & my suspicions from your letter printed on his price list and I thought best to post you at once & enclose his letter on which I made remarks & my answer to him.

Of course he is liable to prosecution and we would be in a fix if we knowingly purchased from a man in defiance of our work.

I think it our duty to know the facts. Return his letter when you are through with them - I am glad we worked up the Poor bills.

My Ship-pers bills from Texas are rather odd but I will not do anything until I get more material from them. I rec^d a (Steamer) a. r. arrived from Sonstinck Francis with Clothes Label on it, that I will send - me for Examination along with all the birds you loaned me in a few days now.

Yours Very Truly

Geo. B. Sennett

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Geo. B. Sennett.

New York City, June 6 1887

Mr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir, I received
your card & send
a few specimens Eum & both sexes
C. virginianus. C. m. henryi and
some Mexican form you may
have other than Texanus since I have
a good number. I have lately, or
some time ago, heard that Coryn
one w/ two I got in Texas in 1882 & I
think they are a new race.
If you would send me at same
time some good typical Bustrostomus
Pacificus & A. v. arizonae & in
company then are returns with
are former loans of Lilt.
Hope I have not inconvenienced you by
delay. Have been away. Will be here now
until July or later. Nothing to say, remain

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Geo. B. Sennett.

New York City, June 16 1887

Dr. Wm Brewster

My dear Sir, Yours of 9th
duly received. I shall not
need the birds you get in exchange
for as I have come to the
conclusion that there is "luck in
leisure" especially in returning
nighthawks. I am convinced
however that the genus Chordeiles
needs a thorough overhauling.
In the fall I may either send you
our large series or ask for yours.
Never mind about the A. arizonae
until then. Of course if really good varieties
I would keep your skins until then
unless returning it they are dear
bird. Hope you are having a pleasant
summer. Yours truly

Geo. B. Leonett

June 16, 1887

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New York City, Mch. 20 1888

Mr. Wm Bennett

My dear Sir, I today received from my friend Mr. Hawkins that you loaned Mitch I mean repaid dollars - I also include a Mr. Stevens S. provided that I looked at - I will hold myself in your debt further than I get more time, from what you would like -

I have never seen for many yrs Home Erie Pa. for the Summer & would like any hints from that locality in particular Pelican State Hum & I will be on the lookout. Yours very truly

Geo. B. Sennett

THE CAMBRIDGE.
334 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK,
LORENZ REICH, PROP'R.

New York
Jany 4 '80

My dear Mr. Brewster

For some days I have been intending to write you about some Trogons that my Collectors have sent me from Tamaulipas. If not too late I will enter them some time or rather you send some to me that will have determined from Mexico first if Mem. mikes over taken —

Mr. Lawrence's Collection is rich in Central Am. forms & some from So. Am. but he has only one T. Mexicanus (which however is a very good one) and no T. Elegans. I have compared my specimens with Gould's Monograph & plates & the nearest I can decide I have a number of specimens agreeing very well with Gould's T. dubiosus I have some that do not agree with it nor with Mexicanus & which I

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THE CAMBRIDGE.
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Should judge without seeing a typical specimen would be T. Elegans

I have one yellow-bellied adult bird and if you have positive knowledge of dichromatism in the genus Tragon, I would think it was a yellow form of Ambiguus although the throat is black on a more extended surface. I sent the yellow bellied bird & two that I thought were near Elegans to Mr. Ridgway & ~~the~~ said you had all the material of the U.S. Mus. & may probably be work on the group. Now as I only wish to determine the forms of Tamaulipas, I ask for your opinion & all the labor this offer you what I have if you desire them. address Either here or at Museum Very truly

Geo. B. Sennett

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Jan. 4 1889

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Geo. B. Sennett.

New York City, Feby 26 1890

My dear Mr. Brewster

Yours of 10th & also the sample can by Express rec'd — Yours of 22nd on eve of leaving for the South also rec'd —
I have just mailed Power charges for this bill —
I hope you will have a good outing & come back in the Spring much refreshed — I have just rec'd from Western Texas a novel hybrid between Colinus Squamatus & Colinus virginianus taken in Western Texas. I say Squamatus because it comes from a locality where a large majority of males are without the chestnut belly & only 1 in 10 have the chestnut. It is of course intermediate proper. The bird in question is indeed a novelty & you will be glad to see it. Yours Very truly Geo. B. Sennett

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I also wish to explain about the Bob white — ~~it is~~ Seven & eight that I have rec'd from where this hybrid was shot are certainly not texanus & until I get more must be virginianus as they were shot in winter it is just possible that there may be some migration with the quail in the high regions of Northern Western Texas. I have been so under the weather this winter that I have accomplished little in the line of Ornithology. Hope now to do better —

Yours &c G. B. S.

Geo. B. Bennett

Feb. 26. 1890